

## RAILROADS SEE REVENUE SLUMP

Claim They Will Suffer in Traffic Decline Looming Ahead

## FIGURES PRESENTED

Rate Reduction Only Feasible if Operating Costs Are Trimmed Also, Claim

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Due to a decline in traffic, railroads of the United States will experience a decrease in revenue during the present month. E. E. Shriner, vice-president of the Baltimore & Ohio, today told the Interstate commerce commission which is investigating the transportation situation.

The downward movement in traffic, Shriner said, gave indications of being only temporary, but the railroads have no assurances that their financial problems this winter will not be similar to those of last year.

### Eastern Figure Shown.

The figures presented by the eastern carriers will provide the foundation for the commission's investigation. It is anticipated that railroads later that rate reductions and reductions can be made. In justice to them, only in the event that there is a corresponding reduction in wages and in other operating expenses.

Mr. Shriner appeared as spokesman of the eastern roads. In addition to presenting the data and statistics for them, Shriner gave many of the essential facts for the railroads of the country as a whole and laid the foundation of the general attack on operating costs and wage scales.

The railroad spokesmen have indicated that these are favorable to rate reductions, but only in the event that wages and other operating expenses are reduced at the same time.

### Deflation Must Come.

The keynote of the attack of the carriers on the wage structure was sounded by Edward Elliott, chairman of the board of the Northern Pacific railroad. He asserted that a sound policy with the labor leaders would seem to admit that deflation must come and allow lower wage scales on the railroads, in the mines, in the building trades, all of which mean greater employment of men and a lower unit price on many articles and commodities used by all, thus reducing the cost of living and helping to break the present endless chain of expense.

In presenting figures covering the financial condition of American railroads during the past several years, Shriner said it would require a long period and extensive work on the part of all concerned to put the transportation system of the country on the same basis as before the war.

### Plan for Big Wolf Hunt.

BARTLESVILLE, Dec. 15.—Members of the Open Gun club, which boasts a membership of 93, are planning to hold a big wolf hunt next Sunday which will be participated in by sportsmen from Casey, Kan., and from Osage county. Many Bartlesville sportsmen will attend the drive which will last all day and will be followed by a big barbecue. Wolves are reported to be numerous this year.

### New Burnt Mail Route.

ESTELLA, Dec. 15.—A new rural route from this place is to be established shortly, beginning with a service of days in the week with a salary of \$700 per annum for a carrier; and with the understanding that so soon as the mail increases sufficiently to warrant it an all-week-day service will be inaugurated. An examination has just been held at Vinita to determine the appointment of a carrier.

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nello Shop, 534 S. Main St.—Ad-

vertisement.

## Charming Bride



Mrs. William Hart

miss wage reduction they have offered their employers to date.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 15.—A readjustment of freight rates on wheat, corn and hay was ordered by the state corporation commission today. The corporation commission voted yesterday to keep the three products at present rates, except that the state corporation commission will implement a schedule which listed wheat and corn under one head. The new rates are lower than the old ones.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 15.—The state corporation commission today set the maximum rates for the application of the Okmulgee Gas company for a revision of rates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The Senate today adopted a joint resolution providing for reimbursement of certain corporations for losses sustained by them in the purchase of surplus sugar under government orders during the sugar shortage last year.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., Dec. 15.—Five of undetermined origin this afternoon destroyed the dry kilns and timber sheds of the Pine Bluff Smoke company causing a property loss estimated at \$50,000.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Dec. 15.—Frank R. Goller, president of the village of Kalamazoo, was captured June 28, last, by a jury in circuit court here this afternoon.

HUNTSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 15.—George W. Thompson, 21, escaped conviction under a life sentence was being hunted unsuccessfully by posse in Walker county today.

PANIR, Dec. 15.—An attack against the vatican for alleged interference in French domestic politics was leveled yesterday by François Albert, senator this afternoon.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—Not to be outdone by the police, the local firemen made their contribution to the daily quota of daylight holdups. John Mek, 14, messenger boy of the Liberty Central Freight yard, and others of his crew, daylight and night, collected \$4,000 in cash and \$1,000.75 in checks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The gross of the American Merchant Marine increased 17 per cent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, according to the report of navigation statistics today in his annual report to the secretary of commerce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—John W. Dundley, president of the John W. Dundley Automobile Accessories company, was struck by a truck and instantaneously killed in Michigan boulevard this afternoon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Jewelry stolen last night, \$125, were stolen from an automobile driven by Eugene Barrica, salesman for Hackman and Karp.

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